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Mr. Stephen Tharinger, Chair
Clallam County Board of Health
223 East 4th Suite 14
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Dear Chair Tharinger:

Thank you for your July 2003 letter regarding sewage releases from vessels and for your request that the State Board of Health (SBOH) hold a public forum on whether existing practices and the current regulatory framework provide adequate public health protections.

In response to Jefferson County and Clallam County Boards of Health's concerns about sewage releases from vessels, the SBOH has scheduled a briefing from the Department of Ecology at its March 10, 2004 meeting in Tacoma on the draft memorandum of understanding between the state of Washington, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, the US Coast Guard (to be confirmed), the Port of Seattle, and the North West CruiseShip Association.

A draft agenda, subject to change, is attached. SBOH staff members will e-mail a draft agenda two weeks before and one week before the meeting—if you do not receive our agendas via e-mail please contact Board staff at 360-236-4110.

If you would like to provide additional information, other community perspectives, or other suggestions for statewide health priorities, please feel free to call or write. We are open to hearing from you about emerging issues at any time. If you have any further questions or requests, please call the SBOH office. Members of our staff will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Carl Osaki, Member
Washington State Board of Health

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